

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BILL TASH**, on February 5, 2003 at 3:27 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bill Tash, Chairman (R)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Sherm Anderson (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)
Sen. Debbie Shea (D)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Shirley Herrin, Committee Secretary
Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 175, 1/31/2003; SB 300,
1/31/2003
Executive Action: HB 175

HEARING ON HB 175

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

3:27 **REP. PAUL CLARK, HD 72, Trout Creek** "Clarify EQC oversight of attached to entities".

Proponents' Testimony:

3:32 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

3:33 Todd Everts, EQC, responded to questions from the committee.

Closing by Sponsor:

3:36 **REP. CLARK** closed on HB 175.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 175

Motion/Vote: **SEN. RICK LAIBLE** moved that **HB 175 BE CONCURRED IN.**
Motion carried unanimously.

3:39 **CHAIRMAN TASH** called a short recess to wait for **SENATOR DUANE GRIMES**, sponsor of SB 300.

HEARING ON SB 300

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

3:41 **SEN. DUANE GRIMES, SD 20, Clancy** "Eliminate assessment of additional permit fees for certain small metal mines".

Proponents' Testimony:

3:44 Angela Janacaro, Helena

3:45 Ted Antonioli, Pres, Missoula Chapter, MT Mining Assoc.
EXHIBIT (nas25a01)

3:49 Ernest Nelson, Mining Engineer & Reg. Prof. Geologist, Missoula

3:53 Tom Figarelle, Forward Montana

3:55 Dirk Nelson, Professional Mine Engineer

Opponents' Testimony:

3:56 Steve Welch, MT DEQ

4:01 John Wilson, Trout Unlimited

4:04 Janet Ellis, MT Audubon and MEIC

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

4:05 Begin
4:07 SEN. GRIMES briefly reviewed the fiscal note.
4:14 Warren Mc Cullough, DEQ, responded to questions.
4:58 Ended
53 min Time elapsed

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. GRIMES closed on SB 300.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:58 P.M.

SEN. BILL TASH, Chairman

SHIRLEY HERRIN, Secretary

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